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## Minutes, Oct. 6, 2010

### OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE October 6, 2010 – approved November 3, 2010

In attendance: Jane Auger, Lisa Decker, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoy, David White.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted with some corrections.

#### Town Day:

We had a beautiful day and it went well.

Our display included leaflets about invasive plants from NEWFS, and samples of such plants plucked from along the bikepath en route to Town Day.

People keep asking "What open space?" We should emphasize that we do have some and while it may not be much, it is mostly accessible by foot.

Fundraising for Elizabeth Island is going well.

A concert by Deborah Henson-Conant at the Regent Theater on November 6 will partly benefit the island.

The Friends of Spy Pond Park won't make their e-mail list available but are willing to forward an appeal from ALT to this list. Ann may attend the FSPP annual meeting in early December.

Brian Rehrig from ALT made a presentation to the Spy Pond Committee meeting yesterday.

#### Mill Brook:

Brian Barber sent additional information to Ann about outfalls into the brook.

The Redevelopment Board is talking about an overlay district but creating one will be a long process.

There is talk about getting permission from the school system for improvements to the pocket park near the High School and the Brigham's site.

There are no plans to improve the bridge at this spot (owned by 22 Mill Street) – but how else can construction equipment access the Brigham's site?

Another meeting of the Mill Brook working group is to be set up.

#### Coming events:

Wed. Oct. 13: Reservoir Committee will meet to continue planning the habitat garden.

The Spy Pond phragmites treatment, postponed this week by rain, will be done next week.

Th. Oct. 21, 7 – 9 p.m, Senior Center: Sustainable Arlington program "Windows on Water."

Th. Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m, Fox Library: Menotomy Bird Club. Ann will talk about Elizabeth Island.

Sat. Oct. 23: Workday at Arlington Great Meadows.

Wed. Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall: meeting for people from Arlington to provide their input on the future of Busa Farm.

Sun. Nov. 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Robbins Library: Presentation on Green Burials.

#### Other business:

The Cooke's Hollow report is now going through the review and editing process.

The Green Dog proposal has morphed into Off-Leash Dog Areas in Arlington Parks. It is beginning to be implemented, with different morning hours for different parks.

At Summer Street a park and playground with bocce court are under construction.

The development next to Hill's Hill, with trees being cut down, is raising objections, but it is being done "by right" (= no special permits needed). It was the last project approved by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Survey, before the Redevelopment Board took over this function.

Held over for next meeting, Nov. 3: Chapter 9 of Open Space Plan, and Mill Brook.

